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MOUNTING: *Wet Mounting of Pictorial Materials*, 12 min., sound, color (\$100), B&W (\$50), issued by Audio-Visual Center, Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind. This is the first of a series of films on the preparation of inexpensive audio-visual materials, of which 3 more films are in production and 11 more are "in planning." The present film shows step-by-step how wet mounting is done.

This process of backing maps, charts, sketches, newspapers, blueprints, and pictures not only makes the material more attractive but offers protection and prolongs its life. Wet mounting with cloth is especially effective for materials that will undergo much handling and abuse. Protected thus, they can be rolled, folded, taken outdoors, hung, used as turnover charts, and stored conveniently.

FRENCH FILM READER SERIES: *La Famille Martin*, 18 min., sale \$85, rental \$6; *Depart de Grandes Vacances*, 11 min., sale \$50, rental \$4; *Histoire de Poissons*, 11 min., sale \$50, rental \$4; sound, B&W series distributed by International Film Bureau, Chicago 4, Ill. A French family, the Martins—father,

mother, and 3 teenagers—are presented with humor and sympathy in this series.

The first film deals with the Martins at home, the second with their efforts to get away on a vacation in the country, and the third with the outcome of a fishing trip that produces too many fish. The films are arranged to include numerous shots of Paris landmarks and typical regional landscapes. (Jr. H, HS)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: *Community Governments: How They Function*, 1¼ reels, sound, color (\$125) or B&W (\$62.50) issued by Coronet Films, Chicago 1, Ill. This film emphasizes the need for participating citizenry if good community government is to function. The citizens of Riverside, dissatisfied with their community, look into the advantages and disadvantages of the mayor-council, city manager, and commission forms of government—and learn that the active participation of the people, and their cooperation in solving problems of local government, are an integral part of community progress. (Jr. H, HS, Coll.)

Action Research To Improve School Practices

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TO HELP educators design and carry out action research studies the author (1) defines "action research," (2) describes the process in terms of teachers', supervisors', and administrators' experiences with it, (3) illustrates the variety of purposes to which action research can be adapted, (4) discusses and illustrates the role leaders in a school system can play in creating an atmosphere favorable to experimentation by teachers, (5) explains simple statistical procedures useful in action research.

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